Special Chapter 9

The time we spend together

Eeveelution SQUAD

The next day...
And... done!
Would you look at that? You're super cute!
Thank you, big sis-Sylveon! You're the best!
Now, now, sweetie. All I did was put a bow on you.
Sweetie? You seriously call her sweetie?
Well, it's an adorable way to call her and she loves it.
Aye!
Anyway, you should thank Leafy. She's the one who gave you the bow.
Big sis-Leafeon?
Thank you for the bow.
Oh hi, do you need anything?
You're welcome.
Thank you, big sis-Leafeon!
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Leafy, are you alright? You seem upset since yesterday afternoon.
I'm fine... Just tired, that's all...
Did I do anything wrong? I know I did something. I'm sorry that I'm not a good sister that you want me to be.
It's not like that. You're fine the way you are.
Well... Glaceon and Sylveon punched Jolteon in the face yesterday.
It wasn't our fault. He deserved it.
What did daddy do to you and big sis-Glaceon?
He insulted us.
It was still our fault. He might have said something weird, but we shouldn't have hit him.
Aw, come on. We were justified that time.
Woo! Shower's hot~
Took you long enough. You've been in the shower for half an hour.
We still have plenty of time left, don't we?
About an hour left before we head out.

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Come on, sis. Tell me what's wrong? You were never this sad before.
Leafy, don't be Umbreon 2.0. If you're sad, you can tell us. We're family, right?
Umbreon 2.0?
Gotta compare her current behavior with something.
Leafy, please tell me.
If I want you to forgive someone, would you do it for me?
Yes, I'll do anything for you. Who do you want me to forgive?
D-- That would be yourself. Please don't pressure yourself too much.
I'll keep that in mind, don't worry.
Hmm...
What a moody morning.
Yeah.
Hello, are you all ready yet?
Aye!
I am?
Sunshine, you're so cute!
I see you're wearing your red bow again.
Big sis-Sylveon put it on for me!
Hi~
Hi?
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Morning, Flare.
I'm good, I suppose.
Are you okay?
Please tell me if you need anything. I want to help you and make you happy again.
Having you here is good enough for me.
Leafy, let us help you.
I'm alright, sis.
Glaceon and Flareon are trying to help. You know you're making us worried.
I know, I'm sorry.
No need to apologize. Just know that we're always here for you.
Yup.
Totally!
Aye!
Thank you, all of you.
Hug!
Teehee, Sunshine, that's enough.
Yay! You smiled again!
Aw.

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How are you, little guy?
I'm fine, thank you.
Are you really okay?
Yes.
Big sister-Leaf is very nice.
Yeah, she is. I could never be as good as her.
Don't think like that. You're beautiful and sweet.
I don't care how bad you think you are nor what others think. It's not what you did, it's what you do now that counts.
I know, but it doesn't mean you can't change now. Everything stays right where you left it, but there are still some changes, even if they're just slightly.
You weren't around to see what I did.
But you can't get rid of the past, especially if it was just yesterday.
He's right. There's always room for improvement. To be fair, I'm never mad at you for hitting me, well, I was always mad temporarily.
I'm flustered...
Eh?
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I'm going to check on my big brother now. He's downstairs, right?
Seems that way. He and Black weren't in the room when we woke up.
Okay~ See you downstairs!
Sylveon is super cute, isn't she?
Why are you asking me this?
Oh, you know...
Hey! What about me?
I see you're jealous~
No, I'm not!
You're super cute too, big sister-Lazuli.
Where's the new girl?
She's downstairs, I suppose.
I think we should really find a way to get her home. We can't have her stay with us forever.
I understand, but we have to wait until she regains all her memories. She begins to remember things quickly now. I'm sure she'll remember everything before our vacation ends.
I hope you're right.

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I wonder where we'll visit.
Some historical places, I suppose.
Big sis-Espeon, what do you think I should call you? Big sis-Espeon or Big sis-Pearl?
You can call me whatever you want.
Hi, you all!
Hi, aunt-Rin.
I think you should drop the word "aunt".
Hmm... How about Mrs. Rin?
That's better.
Yo! Everyone is ready, right? Let's go have breakfast then move on to our vacation plan.
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Oh, so now you decide to show yourself to the others.
Yeah, well... Boredom.
Guys, this is Shadow CC. She represents my darkness--
Please calm down.
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I told you bringing her with us was a bad idea!
Pearl's right. It's not like she wants to hurt us.
It's fine.
That's what makes me worried!
Greetings, everyone. I am CC shadow, but I am also one of her many. Sorry if I scared any of you.
You mean... there are more of you...?
Yes.
Okay... Is it normal 'cause I don't think it's normal?!
Gotta be the weirdest thing I've ever seen...
Now that it's settled. Let's just go already. We're wasting time here.
Not the worst thing I've seen.
How come you're not surprised?
Later...
I suppose we would need a room when we go for lunch.
Yes.

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Judging by what happened earlier, you remember more now, right?
I believe so.
Are there any more of your weird powers that you haven't showed us yet?
More nonsense, huh?
Look... I know you don't tru--
I'll deal with you later. Right now I need to deal with this de--
You'd better stop fighting with Yellow or else.
What? He's close to you or something?
Yes, nobody messes with my future brother-in-la-- I mean mentor.
What?
Now is not the time to argue between us.
Don't I have a word in this?
Yeah, what's up with you guys?
He started it.
I said I'll deal with you two later. For now--
Fine...
Could you please stop fighting? There are kids watching us.

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I wonder what's going on over there.
Maybe Umbreon is still mad at big bro.
Now that I think about it, why is Umbreon mad at him? Did they know each other before? How did they meet?
I have so many questions!
I think Jolteon is hiding something from us. I need to get to the bottom of this!
Sis, you're acting weird.
That's the thing. I'm always weird.
That's what makes you cute, I guess.
You called me cute?
I know you wouldn't believe me if I complimented you.
Aw~ You're always my favorite little bro.
Huh?
What's wrong?
Nothing, it's just you never called me bro nor brother before.
I've been wondering... If my kids were here with me, I'm sure they would be just like you two.
Mrs. Mollie, I'm sure your kids would be good Pokémon.
Did I call her right?
Yes.
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Crystal?
Would you mind if you help my sister? She's trying her best to be nice to everyone. I think she needs someone to support her.
Thanks.
I'll be fine.
What is it?
Sure, sounds like a good excuse to hang out with her.
What about you? You need someone to cheer you up.
If you don't mind, you and Flare can spend more time with me.
That would be great.
I suppose so. Thanks, Mrs. Mollie.
Anytime, besides, I'd love to know you two more.
Okay, we need to talk.
About what?
You know, that new Glaceon girl. Are we just going to ignore what happened? What if the smooth-furred Umbreon is right?
Smooth-furred Umbreon?
I think Mrs. Rin meant Black the Umbreon, our Umbreon.
If my daughter trusts her, why shouldn't we? Frank's son trusts her too.
Well... You're right, but... I don't feel safe around her anymore. What if the same thing in RE7 would happen to us?

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What is the RE7 you're talking about?
It's a video game.
It'll be fine. Don't worry too much.
Everyone has their own doubts on something. We'll figure out what to do as the time goes.
That's what makes me worry.
Bolt's right. We just have to adapt to the situation.
Alright... I still don't trust her.
sigh
Later...
Wow...
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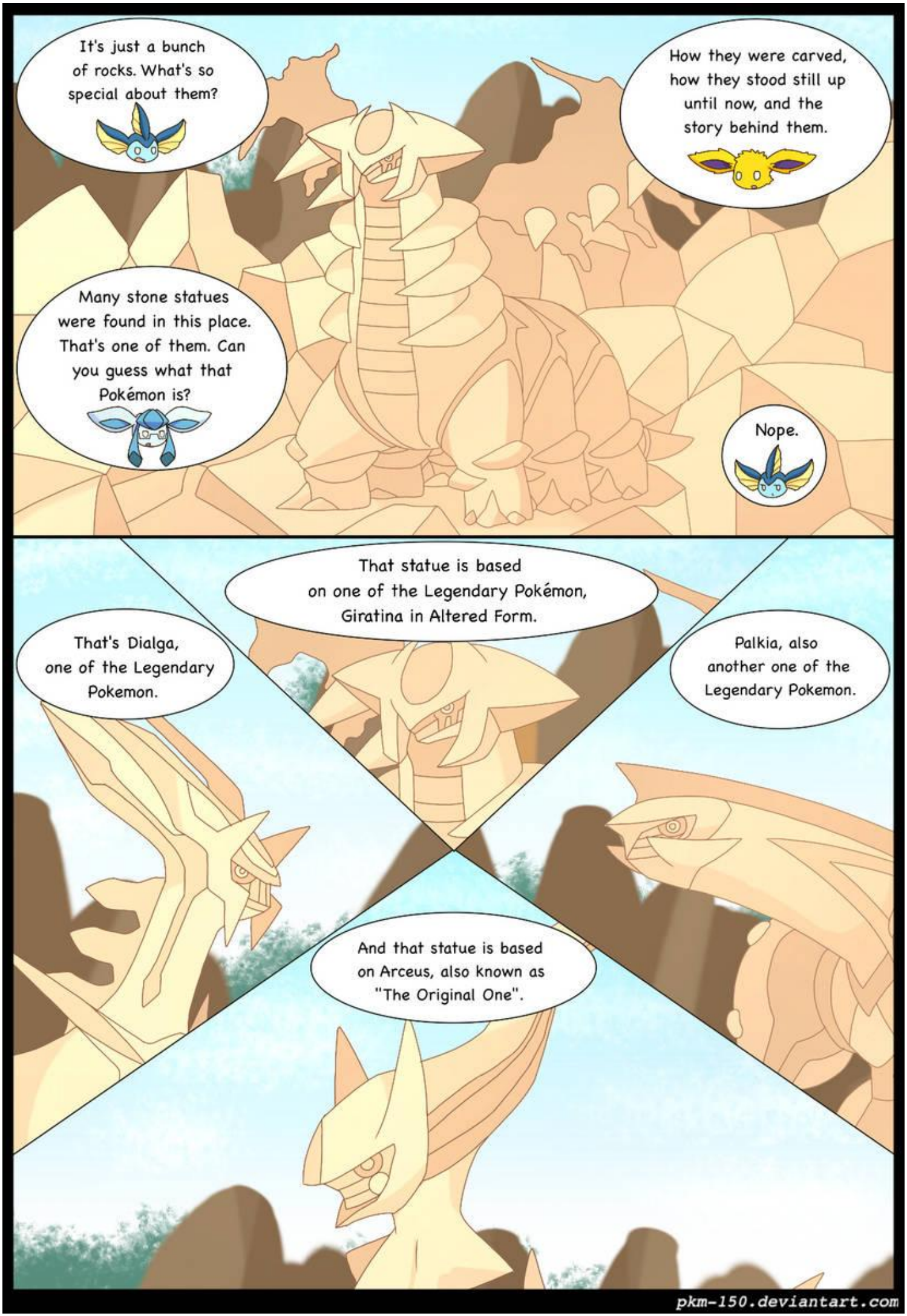
It's just a bunch of rocks. What's so special about them?
How they were carved, how they stood still up until now, and the story behind them.
Many stone statues were found in this place. That's one of them. Can you guess what that Pokémon is?
Nope.
That statue is based on one of the Legendary Pokémon, Giratina in Altered Form.
That's Dialga, one of the Legendary Pokemon.
Palkia, also another one of the Legendary Pokemon.
And that statue is based on Arceus, also known as "The Original One".

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Dialga... I think I've heard about it from an old friend though he said it was Primal Dialga or something...
I see. Now allow me to explain each of their stories.
This is going to be boring...
Yup.
Nah, I find this very interesting.
Of... course, you do...
Eh?
Leafy?
Yes?
Back at the beach house, were you really alright?
I guess you still miss your dad, eh?
Sorry that I read your mind back then.
Well...
You know...?
It's alright. I suppose I do want to see him again, but I'm also scared to do so.
He told us to not let him see us ever again last time we saw him.
Then go see him when you have a chance. Things can be different this time.
He might not have been a good guy back then, but maybe, just maybe he changed his ways.
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I suppose you're right. I shouldn't doubt too much.
Hey, we've all been there.
Right, Flare?
You were quiet the whole time. I'm sure you have something to say to her.
I can tell you're really worried for her. Even the times when you don't talk at all.
What are you going to do now?
R-right.
It's um...
I...
It's alright. I know you do.
I'm not sure. I'll think about it when we get home. For now, let's enjoy our time here.
Right, we should cherish what we have while we still have the chance.
Now that you got your doubts off your chest, what's next?
Any luck helping CC finding a way to get home?
Nope, that girl is hard to read. I gotta admit, she is the most mysterious and strangest girl I've ever met.
I suppose so. What happened this morning caused Mrs. Rin to not trust her anymore.
You mean it?
Yes, I was there too when that happened.
Hmm...
First, Black.
Now, Auntie.

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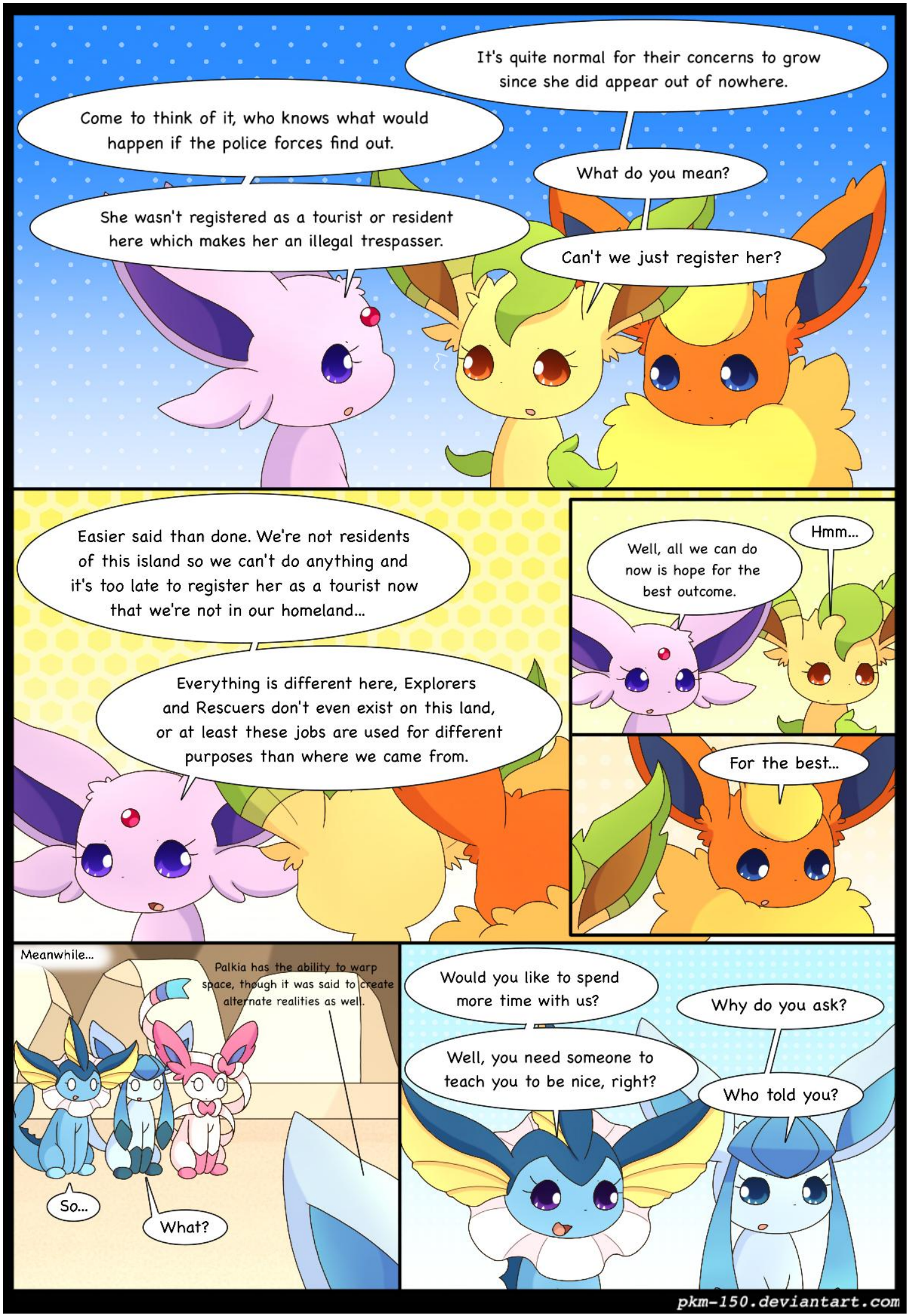
It's quite normal for their concerns to grow since she did appear out of nowhere.
Come to think of it, who knows what would happen if the police forces find out.
What do you mean?
She wasn't registered as a tourist or resident here which makes her an illegal trespasser.
Can't we just register her?
Easier said than done. We're not residents of this island so we can't do anything and it's too late to register her as a tourist now that we're not in our homeland...
Everything is different here, Explorers and Rescuers don't even exist on this land, or at least these jobs are used for different purposes than where we came from.
Hmm...
Well, all we can do now is hope for the best outcome.
For the best...
Meanwhile...
Palkia has the ability to warp space, though it was said to create alternate realities as well.
So...
What?
Would you like to spend more time with us?
Why do you ask?
Well, you need someone to teach you to be nice, right?
Who told you?

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Your sister, of course.
I don't know... You girls seem too... Energetic?
Aw, come on. It's gonna be fun!
Yeah!
Alright...
Yay! You, Sylveon and I are gonna be best friends forever!
Um...
Oh, boy.
Since you'll be hanging out with us, you need to know this. The first step for you is...
Laugh!
She meant you have to be happy more often.
Eh?
Oh... If this is the first one, how many are there?
4 steps. Step 1 is to be happy. Step 2 is to be nice. Step 3 is to be adaptive. Sylveon has already completed these 3 steps.
What about Step 4?

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Step 4 is to be more than just friends. Like I mentioned, Sylveon already has the upper hand so you have a lot of catching up to do.
What's that supposed to mean?
Okay...?
It means either or both of you have a potential to be my new sister.
Big sis-Sylveon!
Oh hi, sweetie. Do you need anything?
Can you give me a piggyback ride?
Yay!
Sure.
Where's the best little gu-- I mean the silver one?
Axel?
Axel is with his mommy.
Well yeah, isn't he with you?
Why do you ask?
Yeah, you didn't even talk to him much until today.
I don't know. It's just... His words for me today made me feel... comfortable.

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Axel is nice. I like him.
That's great, sweetie.
Teehee.
S-Eevee and Eevee... Another pairing in my book~
I'm just kidding.
Uh uh... Don't you dare...
Mother instinct kicks in~
I see. So...
Would you like to get to know Eevee more?
What? No! It's just weird.
What?
Oh yeah, now is a great opportunity. It's necessary if you want to be... You know~
W-well, I...
Big sis-Glaceon, are you okay?
I'm fine. So... Um... How are things between you and your daddy...?
Daddy still can't be with me.
Aye.
You want to spend time with him more?
Why don't you ask him now? He seems free at the moment.

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Daddy is busy listening to big sis-Sylveon's daddy's talking.
You could still try to ask.
Having big sis-Sylveon is enough.
What did you do to her...?
I did nothing.
It's not my fault that she likes me.
Another hint of jealousy.
I'm not jealous!
Why are you yelling at big sis?
I know you want to help me get close to daddy.
But...
We could convince him to stay with you more.
Come on, we can do it together.
Yeah.
Sorry...
sigh
Girls, it's time to move to another area.
Yes, daddy!
Now back to our topic, remember what I told you before? Just because it didn't work once, doesn't mean it'll never work.
Aye...
Aye! Thank you, big sis-Sylveon, big sis-Glaceon.
We'll get it to work. One way or another.
Right!
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Well, well, you two would make a great mom squad for Eevee~

Eh?

Just saying. Unless you both actually do have a crush on her pretending daddy.

This is mainly towards you, Sylveon, 'cause I already know Glaceon's answer.

Um...

Now that I think about it... Was what you said 3 days ago true?

What are you talking about?

You said you're Jolteon's girlfriend.

She did?

Oh, jolly!

W-well, you know me! Always joking around.

Oh, good.

5 points for Sylveon, 1 point for Glaceon.

What's that supposed to mean?

Sylveon has 3 points for completing 3 of my 4 steps, 1 point from Eevee's approval, and 1 point from my approval. You have 1 point from my approval.

Um, what...?

Let's just change the subject, okay?

We're cool, right?

Frosty!

Big sis-Espeon, big sis-Leafeon, big sis-Sylveon, big sis-Glaceon are like mommies to me.

I'm flattered...

You and me both.

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2 points for Glaceon then. Hey, what about me?
Big sis wants me calling you mommy? You didn't like me calling you auntie.
On the second thought, keep calling me big sis...
?
You know, I sure hope my little boy will grow up to be like you.
I would prefer him the way he is now. He has most of the things I lack.
?
Huh?
Sorry for the intrusion, Mr. Bolt! We need him right now!
Oh, it's alright.
Wah!
What is it now?
Thank you!
Daddy!
Now do what you're supposed to do.
Did you teach her anything weird again?
Daddy, I want to be with you more.
Aren't we already?
But only because big sis-Sylveon pulled you here.
You're a terrible father if you ask me.

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In my defense, I was never a dad.
Couldn't stop you from being one.
But daddy...
I'm sure he will spend more time with you.
Yeah, he'd better.
sigh
Sorry, Sunshine. I'll try to be here for you more.
Yay!
Now that's a polyamorous family.
Eh?
What does that mean?
I blame books~
Don't mind big sis, daddy.
Maybe you should call her auntie.
Hey, I'm not that old!
Sunshine, over here!
Take it easy.
Aye!
Don't run too fast!
Be careful, don't fall!
That little girl... Wait for me!
Super cute, isn't she?
Hey... I remember--
Wait up, you girls!
Hey, wait!
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Yes~?
Why?
Whatever you do, don't look where they're looking.
It's um...
I guess it's just an excuse to hug me then.
No! Wait!
Whacha looking at--
...
It's so beautiful from up here.
Leafy, look over there.
Aye!
Yup!
Don't stand too close to the barrier.
Mrs. Mollie, we're fine.
Hey, look at that cloud!
Of course.
Are you talking to me?
It's just a normal cloud.
Do you always have to be so boring? Gai is funnier.
Oh hey, Sylveon--
Silvia?
...
Um, why are you standing over there? And why are you shaking?
I-it's nothing...
Um?
What's going on? Oh.
Care to explain?
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She's afraid of heights. I don't know why, I don't recall her having this kind of fear until after she was 10.
Dang it...
How come she didn't notice that we're climbing a mountain the whole time?
It was fine until she looked down, I guess.
And you're just going to sit here and do nothing?
Sweetie, it's alright to be afraid.
Sylveon?
I'm here for you, it's alright.
B-but it's scary!
It's not that scary.
E-easy for you to say...
You can overcome it. Just let go and...
N-no!
H-huh?
Aaaahh!!
Hey, you're not allowed to touch her--
Ouch!
Not a good manner to yell at someone who tries to help.
It's going to be ok--
Wah!
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I guess it's just you and me now.
I guess...
I feel like we've been ignoring that new Glaceon the whole time.
Well, we don't want our vacation to be ruined. We have enough complaints about her already.
Are you two talking about someone behind their back?
Alright...
No, we're not!
Why do I feel like I'm forgetting something?
Never mind.
Forget what?
We're going to visit a cave next, Crystal Cave. It's not a Mystery Dungeon.
Is the cave made of crystal?
That's right. It's an artificial cave created by the locals in the past.
You sure know a lot about this place.
I guess I could say we can get a free special tour anytime we want.
Brian!
Espeon, your dad's jokes are terrible.
That's just him being him. Please bear with it.
I'm surprised dad doesn't get annoyed by his jokes already.

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Here we are, the Crystal Cave. This cave was once used to deceive and contain a giant Pokémon.
Ooh...
It's so shiny! My eyes are burning!
Eh?
This cave has the same name as you.
I know, right?
It's pretty, but not good for our eyes.
It's just like a cave full of mirror walls.
Yeah.
Well, of course. Due to that, you won't know what you'll hit nor where you'll go.
Sounds dangerous.
That's why we're not allowed to go in.
I just remembered, did you bring the camera?
Yup, it's in the bag.
Which bag? None of us brought one.
I meant my wife's fluff.
My bad.
sigh
Gotcha, dude.
And the whole time, you didn't take it out to take pictures?
We can still take pictures in the afternoon... For now keep it in the bag. Let's get going. This cave is giving me a headache.

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Anyways, there are some gift shops on the way down. You kids can shop a bit before lunch.
Gift shop!
This brings back memories...
Later...
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How can I help you?
How much is this eyepatch?
That would be 500 Poké.
I'll take it.
Happy doing business with you.
I hope big bro doesn't mind me using his money...
Flare, there you are. Why did you buy an eyepatch?
U-uh? W-well, I just thought I would look cool with it.
Is it because of what happened yesterday?
N-no.
You can be honest with me.
Okay... It's true. Mr. Bolt said there will be chocolate cake for dessert after lunch so I don't want my eye showing.
Please don't tell anyone about it.
You can count on me.

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Thanks, Leafy.
Don't mention it. It's the least I can do.
If you need anything, please let me know. I want to be there for you and help you.
That's nice of you.
Let's just go.
R-right.
Look at those!
You're always after dolls, huh?
That's just the way she is.
At least she forgot about her fear now.
You just had to say that...
...
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Wah!
H-hey, stop it.
Soon...

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Why don't you buy this ribbon? It'll look cute on you.
You think so?
Totally-- Wait, you're not CC.
Huh? Wait, are you trying to flirt with that girl? You really are a creep. No wonder your sister doesn't like you.
Don't say it too loud. The kids can hear it.
...
I think it's been long enough. Come on, let's go.
I'm so sorry!
Looks like I have to carry her...
Sunshine, come on.
Aye!
Um... Speed, right? Can I talk to you for a moment? In private?
Sure?
We'll be right back.
Don't stray too far.
That girl... Full of nonsense.
That's just rude. Well, she's strange, but what you said is rude.
But it's the truth. Are you blind like the rest?
I don't think I like your attitude, you meanie.
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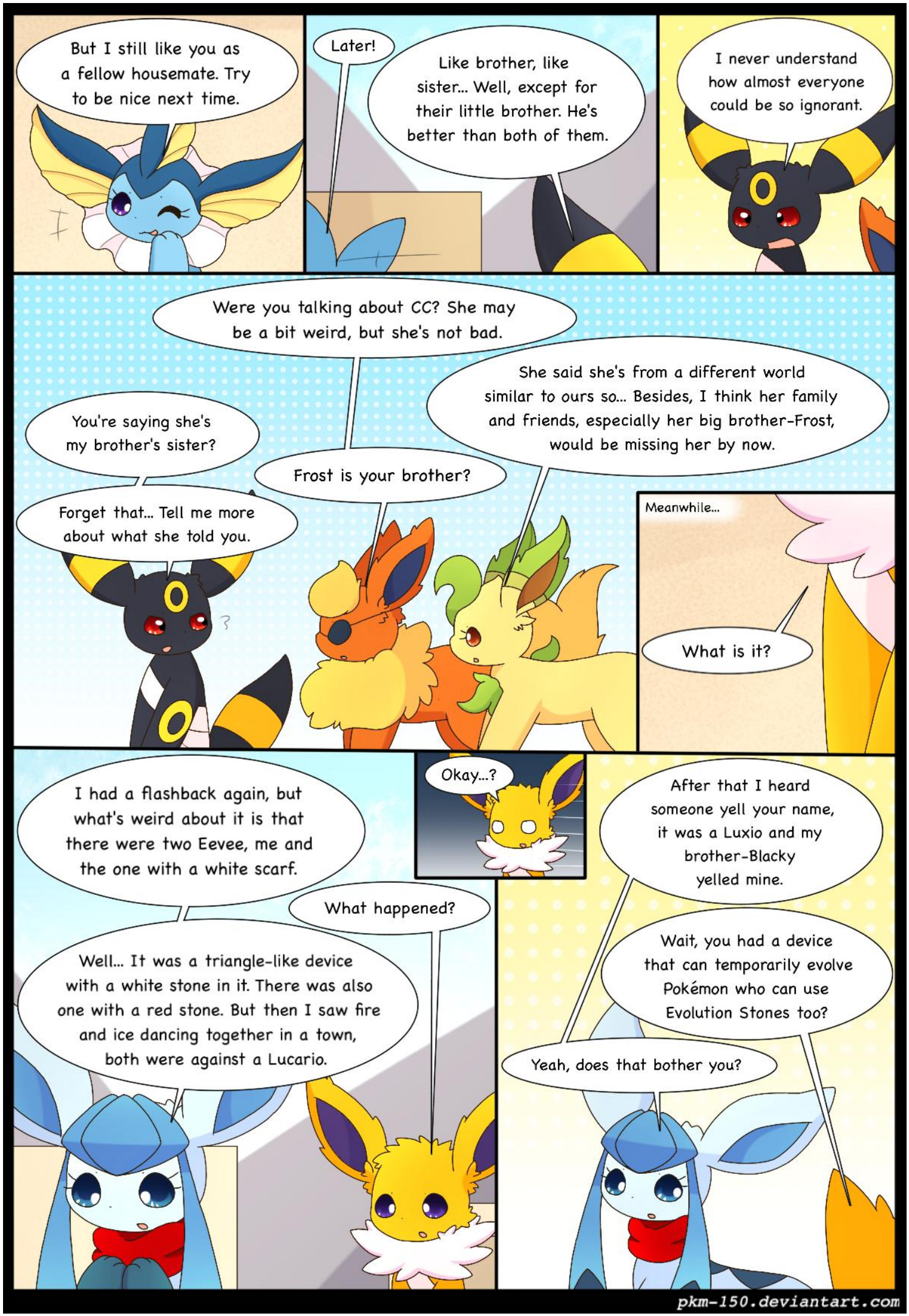
But I still like you as a fellow housemate. Try to be nice next time.
Later!
Like brother, like sister... Well, except for their little brother. He's better than both of them.
I never understand how almost everyone could be so ignorant.
Were you talking about CC? She may be a bit weird, but she's not bad.
She said she's from a different world similar to ours so... Besides, I think her family and friends, especially her big brother-Frost, would be missing her by now.
You're saying she's my brother's sister?
Frost is your brother?
Forget that... Tell me more about what she told you.
Meanwhile...
What is it?
Okay...?
I had a flashback again, but what's weird about it is that there were two Eevee, me and the one with a white scarf.
What happened?
Well... It was a triangle-like device with a white stone in it. There was also one with a red stone. But then I saw fire and ice dancing together in a town, both were against a Lucario.
After that I heard someone yell your name, it was a Luxio and my brother-Blacky yelled mine.
Wait, you had a device that can temporarily evolve Pokémon who can use Evolution Stones too?
Yeah, does that bother you?

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No, it's just that thing you're talking about reminds me of something.
So you touched the similar device like I did.
Sure.
Yeah... Let's keep it a secret.
Keep it a secret...
Link Established...
All systems Online...
?
What was that?
Hey, wait up!
Alright, let's go.
We're back.
Wait a second... Flare, why are you wearing an eye patch?
I thought I would look cool with it. I'll take it off when we get back to our beach house.
Yeah, you do look cool.
Alright...
3 hours later...
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I'm full.
What do we have for dessert?
We're going to have cake.
Yummy!
Here it is.
The color on the outside is white, but inside it's a dark color. What flavor is it?
Chocolate, of course.
Ch-chocolate?!
What's wrong with it?
Flare, please tell me you haven't eaten it yet...
Mmm?
?!
I think that's enough.
But it's for safety...
Big bro, sis, it's fine. I'll be more behaved.
It'll be fine. I gave him some before and it was fine.
Okay... I trust you, Leafeon.
Try not to go overboard.
Why isn't big brother-Flare allowed to eat chocolate?
Big brother burnt daddy for one once.
Oh, he's weird.
I-I gotta go!
What's up with her?
Bad news, always bad news.
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Hey, cut that out.
I'm just saying the truth.
I'll go after the girl.
Wait up. I'm coming too.
Flare?
Hey, don't follow them!
Let them go.
But...
They'll be fine.
Okay...
Where did she go?
Over there.
Huh? Why are you staring at that wall?
Wait up!
He's weird.
We'll talk about it later.
Later...
She ran through here.
There are some berries in here... Should be good.
Found them.
Hmm... An isolated desert? What is this? A boss stage?
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Hey! Why were you running?
G-guys, s-stay back!
Yeah, you might want to listen to her.
I-I can't control myself! D-don't come any closer!
What's wrong?
Yeah, you seem off.
Why are you covering one of your eyes?
?
That eye...
...
I told you to stay back!
Whoa!
Yup, definitely a boss stage. This couldn't possibly get any worse.
Are you okay?
Just making sure...
Never mind. Flare, are you okay?
Eh?
I-I'm fine. You know ice moves aren't super effective against me, right?
Flare?
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The same corruption is happening again and again...
Flareon is acting weird too.
Now is not the time. Let's just focus on the girl.
At least she tries to stop herself too.
Let us talk to her...
Are you sure? You don't know--
We...?
We'll be fine...
You need to stop this... Just take it easy...
Easy...
I-I...
Leave me alone!
Flare!!
...
Jolteon, wait!
How dare you!
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It's... going to be okay... It's going to be okay...
Flare!
C-can you still hear me? Give me a sign.
We're still alive...
Y-you're bleeding...
Not for long...
Pl-please don't move. Save your energy.
Ow...
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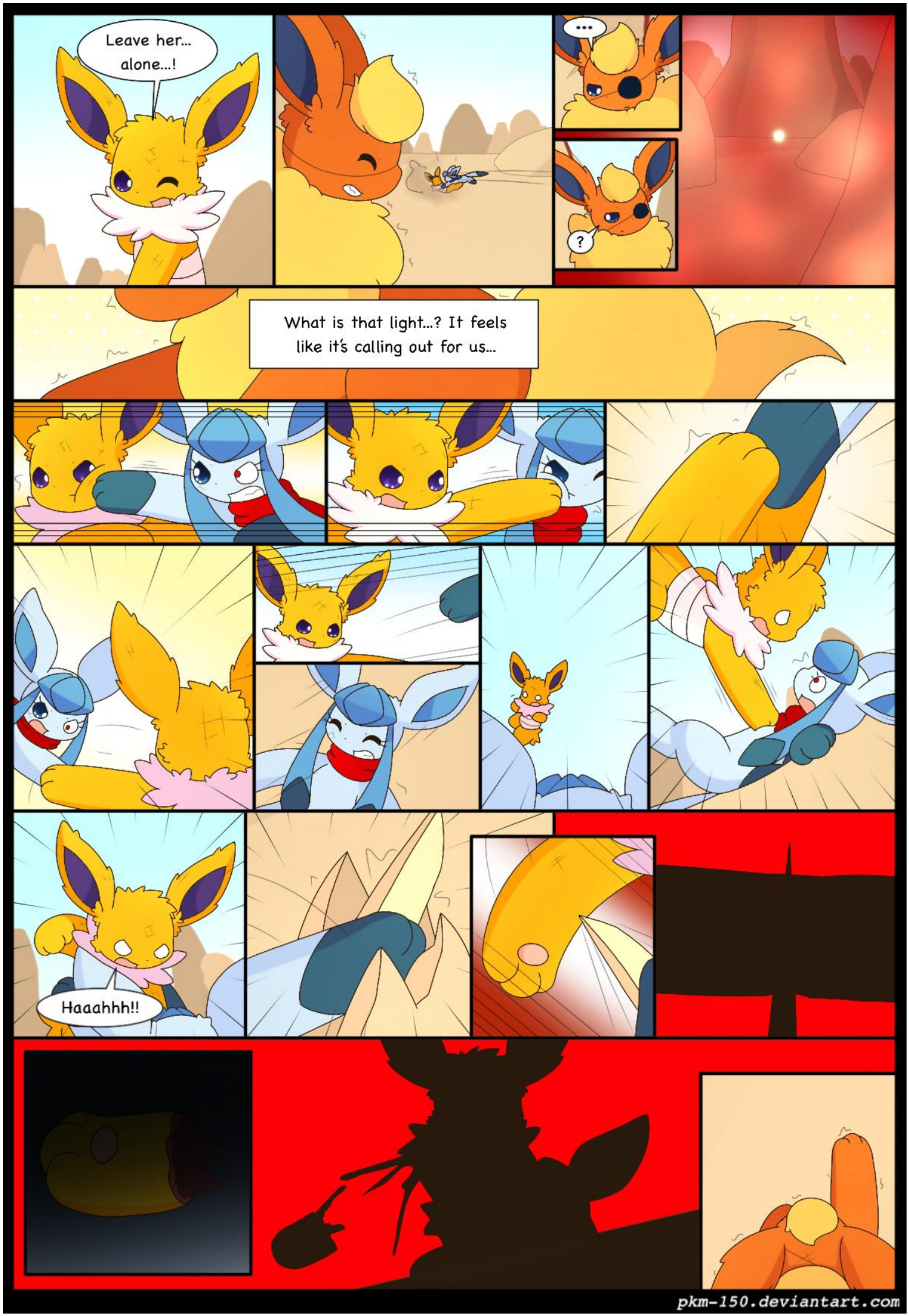
Leave her... alone...!
...
?
What is that light...? It feels like it's calling out for us...
Haaahhh!!
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Haaaahh!!
?!
Ow, ow!
Dang it... I completely forgot about the stress of the Turbo Boost...
Uh oh.
Big brother!
No, not again! We were too late-- Wait... This is one of those worlds... He'll be alive somehow.

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We don't appreciate what you just did, young lady. Not at all!
Cheap move like this won't work--
So much for shielding it from fire.
We get it, you're not a Glaceon.
We both know. You're not from this world, neither are we.
Don't make things worse than they already are. Control yourself. Only you can do it.
You know that.
Moreover...
Looks like it's time out.
Stand down.
It would be better for all of us.
I'm... I-I'm trying...
You're finally back to your senses.
I-I...
End it.
I-I'm...
I'm...
...sorry...
Strange... So this is only just an extra power for her. There are more...

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Arceus, Arceus, Arceus, I didn't think there were these many self-proclaimed gods and so-called mortals stronger than a god out there.
?
All of our powers are gone... All that's left are theirs. I remember everything was dying then I met... him before I ended up here.
Did I die...? Starlight, our minds aren't merged anymore. You're already gone...
...aren't you...?
Speedy! Where are you? Please be okay!
I'm sorry! I'm sorry for always hurting you!
I know saying it means nothing now... I-I... I lo--
I'm right here...
You're okay!
Hey, take it easy...
Flare... Where is he? Is he okay?
S-sorry...
Yes, he's over there with CC. They're both--
Flare!
You sure gave me a heart attack back--
All the wounds were healed...?
All your wounds were healed too. Where are the bandages on your body from earlier?
Bandages...?
Paw
Body
CC, you little life-destroyer and lifesaver...
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About the wounds... I can heal faster than an average Jolteon....? As for the bandages... they must have come off during the fight.
So, um... Lazuli? CC didn't hurt you much, right?
Y-you call me by my name now?
You yelled my name already so it's a fair trade?
I guess... She didn't hurt me much.
That's good. Catch.
Now eat up. It should restore your health. After that, help me pick them up.
O-okay.
What do you know? Her wounds were already healed up too.
I didn't know you could still fight. I thought you said you're rusty.
Rusty doesn't mean much when anger took a hold of you.
Oh... What should we tell the others? I don't think they'll be happy to hear what happened here.
Let's not make things harder than they already are. We'll tell them something else entirely...
What happened...?
Ah! D-did I blow up the restaurant? Wh-where is everyone? A-are they okay?
What...?
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Meanwhile...
What's taking them so long?
It's been over 20 minutes.
Maybe they just went to go buy some stuff.
But something else could happen. What if they got lost?
They won't. There's only one crowded place on this mountain. The rest of it is like an isolated rocky hill.
I've already taken care of the bill though. Those kids haven't had their desserts yet.
Don't give them chocolate cake!
This again? What's wrong with it?
It's um...
Are daddy, big sis-Glaceon and big brother okay?
I'm sure they are.
We're here!
Oh my...
Sis, what happened to you? You're hurt.
Daddy!
Are you kids okay? What happened to Lazuli?
Big bro said she ran into a wall.
Y-yeah... I did...
You seriously did that?
Brian!
Sis, are you going to be okay? Please be more careful next time.
I will, Leafy. Sorry that I made you worried.
What about you, Flare? And what about CC?
I'm fine, just a little dizzy. Big bro said CC fainted from running too much.
I see.
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Where's your eyepatch?
You don't remember anything?
It's in here. The rubber was snapped. I don't know who did it though.
No... All I know is what big bro told me.
You look a little different. Did you change your fur style on your way here?
Yes, sorry about that. My wife brought the remaining slices of the cake with us since you three haven't eaten them yet.
Y-yup. Is lunch time already over?
Thanks...
Anyway, where are your bandages?
I took them off since I feel better now...
How did you get better this quick?
He said he could heal faster than an average Jolteon.
Are you l--
Eat this berry. It should heal you a little more.
Hey, stop that.
Sorry.
Espy?
?
Aaaaahhh!!
No, no, wait-- Argh!
Um... Should we stop them?
As much as I hate to see this... He deserves it.
Let's just go. We still haven't finished our tour on this mountain yet.
Sweetie, let him go. Don't break his bones.
NO!
Nothing... Broke... Just... Can't Breathe...
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Here we go again.
Espy, no!
Hehe.
Big brother, you're not helping!
Gai, don't make fun of your sister. Anyway, just one more place for tomorrow and our tour trip will be over since we've visited every important place on this island.
That fast? What's the last place?
We'll go to the Museum of Technology tomorrow morning. I think we'll go to the Game Plaza in the afternoon since I'm sure the kids will love it.
Cool!
Yay!
Game plaza!
Are we just going to ignore what just happened again? Poor Lazuli got hurt, I don't think running into a wall would cause that much damage. Moreover, Flare didn't remember anything, and Speedy is suddenly healed up. I have no idea how many healing berries he ate to heal that quick. That weird girl must have done something to them and made them lie.
Be adaptive. Besides, I'm sure it was just an accident.
I know you're worrying and all, but let the kids handle it.
Fine... Just like in most movies or shows where the adults do nothing and leave the fate of the world to some kids...
You're just overreacting.
I'm not overreacting!

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Let's move back to the topic. For the day after tomorrow, we'll go to the shopping mall and then the hot spring.
Sounds good.
Yup.
Sounds relaxing.
Later...
I think we should rest for a bit, considering that some of us aren't feeling well. You kids stay here, we'll go buy some snacks and drinks.
Okay!
She's still fainted.
First, she ruined our trip. Now she beat up one of our housemates. Why didn't we just take her to the police station already?
Do you even have any evidence to prove that she hurt Lazuli? Oh, wait! You don't!
Shut up.
Could you two please stop?
Oh, it's you again.
I'm sorry that all of you had to see her like this. She hasn't fully controlled it yet.
Control... what?
The virus, it's just one of her problems. She has 4 in total.
Here goes another one of those nonsense stories.
Hey, at least let her talk first!
What do you mean? A-are they worse?
Is she sick?
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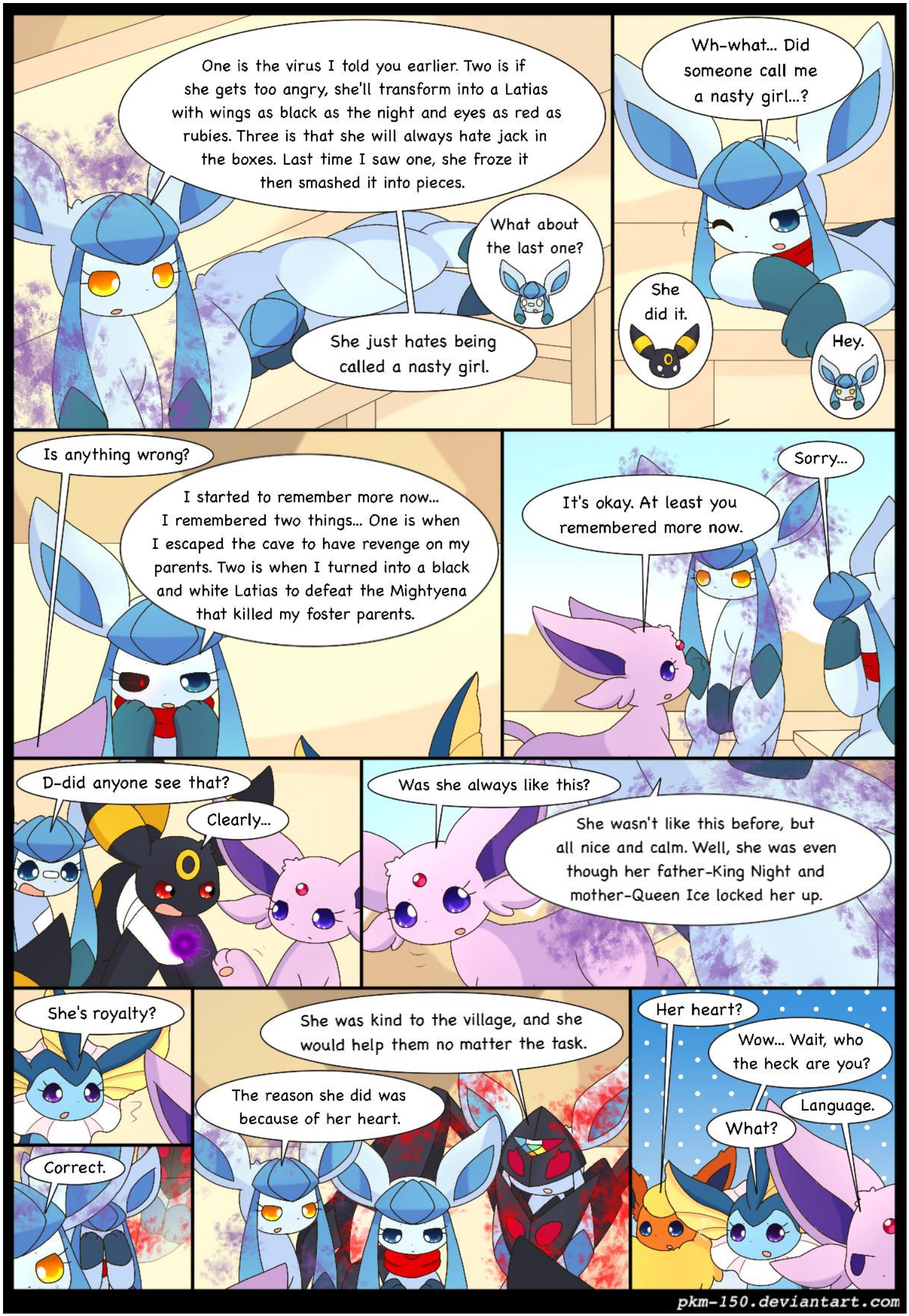
One is the virus I told you earlier. Two is if she gets too angry, she'll transform into a Latias with wings as black as the night and eyes as red as rubies. Three is that she will always hate jack in the boxes. Last time I saw one, she froze it then smashed it into pieces.
What about the last one?
She just hates being called a nasty girl.
Wh-what... Did someone call me a nasty girl...?
She did it.
Hey.
Is anything wrong?
I started to remember more now... I remembered two things... One is when I escaped the cave to have revenge on my parents. Two is when I turned into a black and white Latias to defeat the Mightyena that killed my foster parents.
Sorry...
It's okay. At least you remembered more now.
D-did anyone see that?
Clearly...
Was she always like this?
She wasn't like this before, but all nice and calm. Well, she was even though her father-King Night and mother-Queen Ice locked her up.
She's royalty?
Correct.
She was kind to the village, and she would help them no matter the task.
The reason she did was because of her heart.
Her heart?
Wow... Wait, who the heck are you?
Language.
What?
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Yes, her heart was the purest thing in her kingdom.
It would make her do the most dangerous or hardest tasks and she ask for nothing in return. It's always been an unwavering heart of gold.
But when she gained her power of the sin of wrath, she returned to free the kingdom from the king and queen.
She spared villagers and the guards, but she turned the king and queen into stone.
And from that day onwards, she would help anyone no matter the cost.
They kinda deserved it, I guess?
This is starting to sound like a terrible comic book plot--
That was so cruel of them... I guess I'll just... go now.
Flareon, come with me.
Okay?
Where's Jolteon?
He went somewhere.
I don't know where though.
He's acting a little weird since we got back and looks kinda younger too.
A lot of stuff happened back at that rocky field...
A lot? But I thought you and big bro said--
I'm back.
Daddy!
Anyway, I want you to meet these four.
Hi, I'm Elijah. Nice to meet y'all.
I'm Eddie!
I'm Koala.
And I'm Skylar.

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You already know me. I'm Speed.
I'm Sunshine.
I'm Crystal.
I'm Flare.
I'm Pearl.
I'm Bolt.
Blaze.
Axel.
I'm Brian.
I'm Mollie.
I'm Rin.
Silvia.
Frank.
Gai.
Lazuli.
I'm Leafy.
Black--
Wait a sec...
Aw shh... Here we go again...
And who's she?
That's CC.
No wonder everyone was acting strange...
Sorry, you can't come with us.
How come?
You're coming with me for a minute.
Do you even know those guys?
Nope, not in my entire life.
What...? What were you thinking?!
?
STOP! TRYING! TO MAKE! THINGS! MORE CONFUSING! THAN THEY ALREADY ARE! As if that CC girl isn't ridiculous enough, now you want to bring more strangers into our group?!
In my defense, I didn't think at all.
That'd better be true. Tell them that they can't stay with us. We already have enough problems to deal with.
Okay, okay.

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Sorry, you can't come with us. Maybe next time?
What?!
Th-that's fine actually!
Are you sure? Because your eye...
I said it's fine! I never wanted to hang out with you guys anyway!
Come on, guys. Let's get out of here!
Aren't you going to say...?
NO!
There's a time and place for everything, but not now. They can come back later.
And this is for being so stupid.
Yeah, yeah... I deserved that.
Get up.
?
Thanks...?
Let's put our conflicts aside.
You really mean it--
For now.
Oh... How can I help you?
Our current issue, that girl... We gotta do something. She's full of nonsense.
You're still at it? Don't you ever get tired of saying the same thing again and again? I mean she did do some stuff, but she didn't know what she was doing. It's not her fault. It's going to be alright.
It's going to be alright this. It's going to be alright that. Open your eyes!

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You ever noticed how strange it was that she happened to appear out of nowhere? What's worse is she happens to share almost the same life as all of us combined! Plus, dressing up like him is an insult...
It's just a coincidence.
It's more than that! First, coincidental memories if what your brother said was completely true. Then, shadow thingy. Now she's a royal, a Legendary Hybrid-Pokémon thing, and has the ability to transform? What's next? She can beat up the god that created everything as if she's above all?
You're overreacting--
I know I AM overreacting! None of them makes any sense!
Look, I stopped trying to make SENSE of everything since the first time I died.
If you were in my place, you would have gone insane by now. Everyone is a puppet of something. Being controlled by their own power, ideal, anger, dream, and more. We just don't know what or who's controlling us.
You... What...?
Um...
What else did you hide from me? You were severely wounded once? Multiple times? Was that why you lied to me? So that I wouldn't care?
It's... Um... About her, you have the right to feel that way, but maybe if you could look into the bright side a little more... Not everything is as bad as it seems.
Maybe I doubt too much... Maybe I was wrong...
Are we... cool? Umbreon?
sigh
Meanwhile...
Mr. Frank came up and he said to us...
...that it's gonna be a great tour, it's really fun.
Rocky statues, and shiny caves, yet almost all of them are boring and lame...
It's the worst day ever! Worst day ever~♪ It's the worst day ever! Worst day ever~♪
What are you doing?
Just distracting myself. A lot of weird things happened today. I don't understand what's going on anymore.
Well, me too. Me too...
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Come on. I believe it's time to leave. Seems like no one is interested in this tour anymore. Not that there's anything left to show anyway.
About time!
I guess we should go now.
Why do I feel like I'm forgetting something?
A while later...
Finally... Something I can enjoy.
No more scary heights.
Okay... Whose idea was it to take a bath together like this? Plus, I'm still bandaged.
It was Vappy's.
We're all girls so it's okay. Moreover, it's just a flesh wound.
Aye.
But having 4 of us in one bathroom is kinda crowded.
Eevee is still small so she doesn't take too much space. You know, getting back to the beach-house early is nice since I can spend more time bathing. It's so relaxing.
You're a Vaporeon.
Big sis-Glaceon?
What is it, Eevee?
Are you and big sis being nice to each other?
Seems that way.
Daddy too?
I guess so.
Well, she's learning fast. You won't have to worry about seeing her mean self anymore. We don't have that much time left since some mons stole our spotlight.
What do you mean by spotlight?
What...?
It's a little unfair... Isn't it kinda lame when you know? Sixty out of all the pieces... Only thirty featured you. Isn't it lovely? Or isn't it strange? Or isn't it just awful~?
Ooh, I know! Let's recap what happened today!
I guess... that doesn't sound bad?
Alright! Now where should we start?

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From the very beginning?

Okay then. Here comes the long, boring reading section~

So it started when Sylveon put a bow on Eevee. Everything was cute, but then bang! Something was wrong with Leafeon.

We were able to cheer her up. Oh, I forgot to mention that Jolteon and Shiny Eevee were there too. Shiny Eevee gave an encouragement speech to Glaceon. That 4 year old boy is surely something.

Axel is the best just like daddy!

Hehe, after that, it was time to continue our tour trip, but not before something weird happened with that brain damaged Glaceon which made Mrs. Rin suspected her.

Brain damaged? I don't think having lost memories and brain damage are the same thing--

Blah, blah, blah. That's not important. Now let me continue.

The next thing is we were having our breakfast at a restaurant. The food was really good. During the meal, Leafeon noticed something was going on at Sylveon's table... Wait, I remember now! Jolteon is hiding something from me and Sunny, and I wanted to know what he's hiding--

Could we just continue to the next part, please?

Okay, okay, after breakfast we went to the mountain to watch some rocks.

Scary mountain!

No, it wasn't.

Hehe, and so our first girl hang out started there. Everything was fine, but it then changed...

Ooh.

...when Sylveon freaked out!

I didn't mean to!

Doesn't matter. After that, we went to look at the shiny cave that stole my name.

Hey, just because it has the same name as you doesn't mean it stole your name.

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Who cares? I'm just saying. Soon after, we went to the gift shop. Sunny bought an eye patch for some reason. Then we went for lunch. Things went smoothly until the dessert came...

It was delicious.

But the cake was evil! It had chocolate in it!

What's wrong with chocolate?

It's um... Let's just continue. That weird girl suddenly rushed out of the room. Sunny, Jolteon, and Glaceon went after her.

Oh, right! Where did you go?

To a rocky field...?

So after your return, you're bandaged, the weird girl fainted, Jolteon changed his look, and Sunny lost his eye patch. Did you really run into a wall? Mrs. Rin suspected that you were lying.

Um...

Big sis-Glaceon, what's wrong?

You were lying, weren't you?

Okay, you got me...

What really happened?

We got into a fight...

With that weird girl?

Mhmm.

Wow... And only you got hurt? Karma, am I right?

Not just me, also-- Never mind... Let's just get to the next part.

Alright then.

Sylveon's dad said that we will go to the museum tomorrow, another boring tour, but Game Plaza is something else. So yeah, tomorrow we'll go to the Museum in the morning and the Game Plaza in the afternoon.

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I can't wait to go to the Game Plaza.

Who wouldn't?

Aye!

And on the next day, we'll go to the Shopping Mall then the Hot Spring.

Ugh... Hot Spring...

Geez, what's with your reaction? I'm sure you won't melt.

That's not the point.

Whatever. And so the boring tour of today went on a little longer. Something crazy happened with that weird girl again and some strangers showed up. This couldn't possibly get any worse. After that we took a train back to our beach house. Thus, our bath time begun. Recapping time is now over!

Finally...

I could say Sylveon loves hugging Jolteon.

Wh-what do you mean?

You know, you kept jumping at him and holding him tightly.

I-I was just scared.

You could have hugged Umbreon, Flareon or even anyone, but no, you always picked him.

She did hug Umbreon and broke his back. Anyway, are you... teasing Sylveon with your brother now?

Technically, both of you.

You what?

I find both of your reactions really cute when I do that.

You should stop that.

Can't stop me.

Yeah.

Oh, we can!

Yeah!

So, Eevee, what do you want your mommy to be like?

Are you seriously asking her that?

Mommy?

Yeah.

Okay, that's enough. Sylveon?

On it.

?

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Stop asking her questions like that.
What she said.
Eevee, don't listen to Vaporeon. She's weird.
Well, just don't answer or think about her weird question. That's all.
Aye?
Good girl.
That's great, sweetie.
All according to plan...
Later...
That was a nice bath.
Aye!
Aren't you just the cutest? You really love my doll, huh?
Isn't that the doll Jolteon bought for you?
Yup. It feels like a long time ago.
Yeah. I still remember you throwing 3 guys out of the restaurant.
Oh... Hehe, oopsy.
Big sis-Sylveon hurt someone?
Well, it was them or the restaurant.
You could have destroyed the restaurant wall if the door wasn't wide open when you did that. Your eyes were glowing yellow too.
Wait, they did? How did I not notice them?
Cuz you couldn't see them yourself?
Whatever happened, it's already over long ago.
Yeah... Yellow eyes... Weird.
Big sis-Sylveon, big sis-Glaceon, can I call you mommy?
Eh...?

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Is it a no...?
I'm not saying no! Definitely not saying no! I just um... need some time to think...
Aye.
Ooh, double mommies? One is a fun mommy, and another is a protective mommy. I am so surprised that Eevee wanted to pick both.
Is that sarcasm I just heard?
Calm down. Remember Step 2 and 3?
Be nice and adaptive...
That's correct. You're getting a hang of it.
Girls, it's time for dinner. We're having soup tonight.
Okay, Espeon! Let's go, girls!
Are you just pretending nothing happened?
Don't mind her.
Come on, sweetie.
Aye, mommy!
Sweetie, don't call us mommy in front of everyone, okay?
Anything for mommy-Glaceon and mommy-Sylveon.
Um... I think I can get used to this.
What a cute little trouble maker...
Let's go!
End of Special Chapter 9

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